

June 2, 2008 - Special Town Council Meeting

At a Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Middletown, RI, held at the Middletown Town Hall on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 6:00 P.M.

Council President Paul M. Rodrigues, Presiding

Vice Chair Shirley R. Mello

Councillor Barbara A. Barrow, Arrives at 6:30 PM

Councillor Louis P. DiPalma

Councillor M. Theresa Santos

Councillor Edward J. Silveira, Jr.

Councillor Robert J. Sylvia, Members Present

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Wendy J.W. Marshall, Town Clerk

Town of Middletown

Town Hall – 350 East Main Road

Middletown, Rhode Island 02842

Dear Mrs. Marshall:

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 203 of the Town Charter and in accordance with Sections 42-46-2. and 42-46-6., RIGL, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Town Council to formally consider, discuss and act upon the following item of business:

Review of FY 2008 – 2009 proposed Budgets – Final Review

Said meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at the Middletown Town Hall, 350 East Main Road, Middletown, Rhode Island 02842.

Paul M. Rodrigues, President

Middletown Town Council

CC:

Town Council

Town Administrator

Finance Director

Town Solicitor
Public Library
Senior Director

Human Resource Director
Police Chief
Fire Chief

Public Works Director
School Dept.
Town Planner

Parks/Recreation
Building Inspector
Town Engineer

IT Director
Tax Assessor

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing-impaired should notify the Town Clerk's Office at 847-0009 not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

On motion of Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to receive said communication.

Also present were Town Administrator Shawn Brown, Deputy Finance Director Lynne Dible, Senior Accountant Deb Barrett and Accountant Marc Tanguay.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown noted that all Council requested changes have been made to the proposed budget. Mr. Brown reviewed the Estimated Tax Rate Increase handout entered here:

Mr. Brown reviewed the Fund Balance Projection for June 30, 2008 entered here:

Enter Fund Balance projection sheet.

Council President Rodrigues requested the budget be reduced further.

It was the consensus of the Council to keep the tax rate increase to 3%, without using the fund balance to off set the tax rate.

Town Administrator Shawn Brown requests the Council for direction of where they would like him to make the cuts to reduce the tax rate to 3%. It was noted that historically there has been a 60/40 split between the Town and School department. Mr. Brown will notify the School department of the reduction request by the Council.

There was discussion concerning the Parks and Recreation budget and Sewer budget.

Refuse and Recycling Budget: The discussion was to monitor the current PAY-Throw program, adding small businesses to the program and a participation fee by all that use the program.

On the motion Vice Chair Mello, duly seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn this meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Wendy J.W. Marshall, CMC

Council Clerk